



Welcome to the December 2024 edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

NO December Members' Meeting!

Please remember that there will be no members' meeting this month. Instead of our regular meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, we will be having a Christmas dinner instead. See next entry for more details.

CARC Christmas Dinner - December 6th at 5:30 P.M. - Magic Wok, Charlottetown

We will be having a Christmas dinner on Friday, December 6th, 2024, starting at 5:30 P.M. at the Magic Wok restaurant, 161 Maypoint Road, Charlottetown. All members are welcome to attend and bring a guest.

CARC Contest Group Meeting - December 6th ~5:00 P.M. - Magic Wok, Charlottetown

Darrell VY2OM is inviting all those who would be interested in forming a contest group within our club to meet with him around 5:00 P.M. on Friday, December 6th, 2024, at the Magic Wok restaurant, just prior to the CARC Christmas dinner. There is no need to put your name down, just show up. All are welcome.

Summerside Christmas Get-Together - December 11th at 6:00 P.M. - Gentleman Jim's Restaurant, Summerside

The Summerside club is having their Christmas Social on Wednesday, December 11th, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at Gentleman Jim's restaurant, 480 Granville St, Summerside. Members of the Charlottetown Radio Club are welcome to join them, but should have reached out to Doug VY2DS by the end of November to let him know. If you haven't done so and would like to attend, please email Doug VY2DS to ask if there may still be a space for you.

Postal Strike affects RAC services and publications

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) began a national strike on Friday, November 15th. As a result Canada Post's operations have shut down during the national strike, affecting millions of Canadians and businesses across the country. This has also impacted any shipments or mail to or from Radio Amateurs of Canada including any payments made by mail. RAC members can view and download the [latest issue of TCA by clicking here](#).

RAC Encryption Registry

Our regulator – Innovation Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) – has agreed that an open webpage on the RAC website would meet the regulatory requirement to have a public domain resource where amateurs, experimenting with new digital voice and other modes, can publish their codes. As a result, Radio Amateurs of Canada has created an open webpage (<https://www.rac.ca/encryption/>) to allow Canadian Amateurs to publish their encryption keys. Membership in RAC is not required to use this service.

Meetings and Events Calendar - December 2024

2: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Bill, VY2WM
7, 14, 21, 28: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
4, 11, 18, 25(?): Wednesday night 2M nets at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)
5, 12, 19, 26: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 7:00 P.M. (1900)
6: CARC Contest Group Meeting, ~5:00 P.M., Magic Wok, 161 Maypoint Rd, Charlottetown
6: CARC Christmas Dinner, 5:30 P.M., Magic Wok, 161 Maypoint Rd, Charlottetown
11: SPARC Christmas Dinner, 6:00 P.M., Gentleman Jim's, 480 Granville St, Summerside

Contests

[ARRL 160-Meter Contest](#) 2200Z, Dec 6 1600Z, Dec 8
[ARRL 10-Meter Contest](#) 0000Z, Dec 14 2359Z, Dec 15
[RAC Winter Contest](#) 0000Z, Dec 28 2359Z, Dec 28
[YOTA Contest](#) 1000Z, Dec 30 2159Z, Dec 30
[ARRL RTTY Roundup](#) 1800Z, Jan 4 2400Z, Jan 5
[North American QSO Party. CW](#) 1800Z, Jan 11 0600Z, Jan 12
[Winter Field Day](#) 1600Z (Noon AST), Jan 25 to 2359Z (8PM AST) Jan 26

Future Events

[Orlando Hamcation](#) Feb 7-9 2025
[NEAR-Fest](#) May 2-3 2025
[Dayton Hamvention](#) May 16-18 2025 - This year's theme is Radio Independence
[Ottawa \(Carp\) 2025 Hamfest](#) September 6 2025

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Drop us an email at secretary@charlottetownarc.com.